imports during April-January 1991-92 amounted to US $ 15929 million, as compared to US $ 20249 million during April-January 1990-91, thereby indicating an import compression of about 21% or by US $ 4320 million.

(c) and (d) The export growth is constrained by several global as well as domestic factors. The global factors include deceleration in volume of world trade from 7.3 per cent in 1989 to 4.2 per cent in 1990 and further to 0.9 per cent in 1991, recessionary conditions in some major industrial economics, political and economic upheavals in East Europe, etc. The domestic factors include deceleration in industrial production as also severe import curbs and the tight monetary policy pursued to overcome the critical Balance of Payments situation. It is difficult to pinpoint the extent to which import curbs alone have adversely affected the exports, as exports are influenced by such varied factors as mentioned above.

Export of Tea to Erstwhile U.S.S.R, and East European Countries

3378. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of tea exported to the erstwhile USSR during the last five years together with the amount of foreign exchange earned from this export;

(b) whether tea was exported to any East European countries during the last five years; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The volume of tea exported to the erstwhile USSR together with the amount of export earnings during the last five years is given below:

year	Qty(M.Kgs)	Export Earnings (Rs. in Crores)
1987	95.0	292.03
1988	80.2	228.00
1989	115.7	473.28
1990	128.6	670.72
1991*	104.5	546.85

Estimated.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Total exports of tea to East European countries other than erstwhile USSR during' the last five years are as follows:—

(Quantity in Million Kgs.)

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991*
Poland	10.70	9.91	5.69	6.68	11.93
Czecho-slovakia	1.26	1.41	0.71	0.97	0.84
Erstwhile East Germany	0.14	0.65	0.32	0.06	—
Hungary	0.20	0.67	0.42	0.23	0.14
Romania	1.75	—	—	—	—
Yugoslavia	1.45	2.08	1.45	2.06	0.16

India's Annual Trade Agreement with Foreign Countries

3379. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the foreign countries with which India has finalised Annual Trade Agreements during the year 1992-93, so far, as compared to 1991-92;

(b) whether modalities of trade with such countries have so far been finalised;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Trade Agreements are signed on long term basis and on the basis of these